

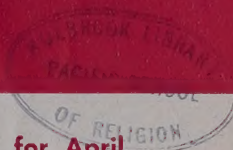
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On a week's field trip in his home state, Cecil A. Jeffery talked with many young people like those pictured (left to right)—Beth Ekkens, Sharon Fisher and Gene Bush. Members of Southland Christian Endeavor, they attended a Los Angeles County Rally where Mr. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society, was the speaker. Photo by Los Angeles Times.

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from the General Secretary

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Invitations issued by the President of the United States went out last month to 7,000 participants in the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth. This official Presidential communication permits each individual to participate in all sessions of the Conference, March 27 to April 1, in Washington, D. C. Nominees are from every part of the nation and from far-flung places around the world. Invitations have gone to the nominees of 55 Governor-appointed State Committees in the states and territories of the United States, to the nominees of 500 national organizations affiliated with the Conference (of which the International Society of Christian Endeavor is one), to the Cabinet, the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Governors, and to 500 guests from other countries.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor will be represented by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president, and by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary. I will be serving as a recorder of one of the many work groups, part of one of the several forums into which the working portion of the Conference will be divided. The theme for the Conference is "Children and Youth 1960: Appraising Ideals and Values in Their Changing World."

Held only every ten years, the 1960 Conference marks the golden anniversary of the first such conference. It will bring together youth-serving agencies and others devoted to the interests of youth. In dealing with the theme, the Conference will attempt to determine the extent to which other factors—such as family, school, church, government, community service, organizations and peer groups—tend to help or hinder young people from achieving personal fulfillment through constructive service to mankind.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is one of a large number of religious organizations involved in the Conference activity.

"WE MISS YOU"

The January 1960 issue of THE AMERICAN ISSUE, official organ of the National Temperance League, Washington, D.C., carries the story that tavern owners in a recent "brainstorming" session heard of a rather ingenious idea used by one tavern owner. She sent post cards to customers she had not seen for some time. And this is what the post cards said, "WE MISS YOU!" Out of 19 cards mailed out she got 10 customers back—a return of better than 50%.

Do you recognize the old technique? You should—it was first used by Sunday schools to remind their absentees that they had been missed. Have you tried it lately in your Christian Endeavor society or in your Sunday school? You ought to—it brought better than a 50% return to the tavern owner—it will do better than that for you.

A YEAR OF ADVANCE!

Here is a simple story of mathematics. It takes about \$200 each day to underwrite the cost of operating Christian Endeavor International. About half of each day's cost is paid for out of annual memberships and other gifts each year. There remains, then, the important task of financing the other half of each day.

In 1959, supplementing annual member gifts and other gifts, many people shared in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement, an effort which seeks to underwrite the second half of each day's cost. Many subscribed to one day, some took five days, others took fifteen days, some even more, one took thirty-five days—all at \$100 a day.

You can make 1960 a year of advance. With others will you invest in this vital program for youth, subscribing for a day, a week, two or three weeks, or a month of activity of Christian Endeavor International, for \$100 a day. Join the others who are now carrying the attractive, specially engraved metal Membership Certificate in 1960.

Harold Westerhoff

WHEN Endeavorers gather in Canada's capital city July 1-3 it will be the first International Society meeting scheduled in the Dominion since the 1949 Convention.

Coming as it does at the time of two national patriotic holidays—Dominion Day July 1 in Canada and Independence Day July 4 in the United States—the Convocation offers a natural period for emphasis on *Christian* citizenship.

This is the fourth Christian Citizenship Convocation sponsored by the International Society, previous sessions having been held in Washington, D. C., in 1952 and 1956 and in New York City in 1958.

Local arrangements are being worked out by a committee headed by Clyde Sherk, president of the Ontario Union. Recently Mr. Sherk and other Canadian Endeavorers met in Ottawa with Arnold E. Westerhoff, general secretary

of the International Society, to prepare to entertain Convocation delegates. Ottawa leaders who assisted are Gordon Hilborn, associated with the Department of External Affairs of the Dominion Government; W. T. Webster, a past president of the Ontario Union; and Mrs. W. T. Webster, who is serving as Convocation Registrar.

The Convocation begins with dinner on Friday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon. At the significant closing service in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Aylmer, Quebec, a plaque honoring Dr. Francis E. Clark will be presented by the Canadian Union.

Convocation sessions will center in the fabulous Chateau Laurier, set high on Parliament Hill, within walking distance of many of Ottawa's famous sites.

The high light of the Convocation will be the Citizenship Rally on Saturday evening, when the Albert H. Diebold

Awards will be presented to the winners in the 1960 Citizenship Contest.

The program includes buzz sessions and briefings for delegates, to relate the various emphases of Christian citizenship in practical ways to the lives of youth today. Fellowship and sight-seeing features are also being arranged. Program personalities and additional details will be announced soon.

Following the Convocation the Youth Assembly of the International Society will hold its annual session, with meetings of the Finance and Executive Committees of the International Society also scheduled. The annual meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Corporation are called for Monday, July 4.

The Convocation fee of \$35 includes meals (except breakfasts) and hotel accommodations (three or four to a room) plus sight-seeing and registration fee. A deposit of \$5 will hold a place in the Convocation. Use the form on Page 4.



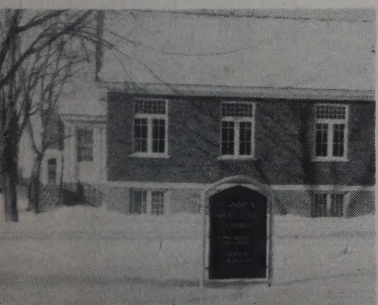
Berry Cottage—the birthplace of Dr. Francis E. Clark

Photos by Albert Day

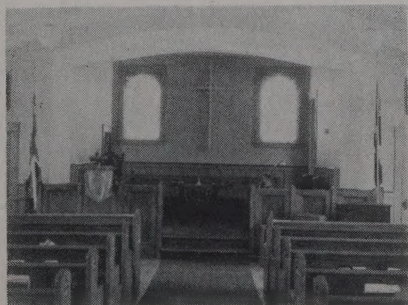
COME TO OTTAWA FOR THE

Convocation

Andrews Presbyterian Church in Aylmer, Quebec, was Dr. Clark's boyhood church.



Interior view of St. Andrews Church, where closing Convocation service will be held.



A high point of the Citizenship Convocation will be a visit to Aylmer, Quebec, the birthplace and boyhood home of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement.

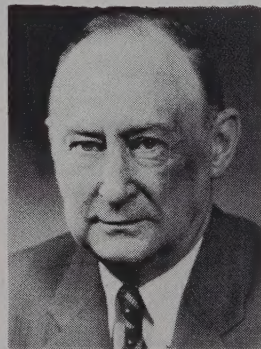
Citizenship Contest Judges Named for Individual Section

This board of judges will select the International winners in the individual section of Christian Endeavor's ninth Citizenship Contest: Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Senator Frank Carlson, and Dr. James DeForest Murch. State and provincial winners will be chosen by March 18, with regional contest winners announced by March 29. Final winners in the International competition will be announced on April 25. In the society section of the contest, a separate board of judges will consider the entries, with announcement of these winners also to be made on April 25.

Honorary Field Secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and vice-president of the International Society are positions currently held by Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan of Washington, D.C. She has traveled extensively in both hemispheres, attending many International and World's Union conferences and conventions. A lawyer in the Nation's Capital, Mrs. Bryan is also a member of the Executive Committee and the Audio-Visual Committee of the International Society.



Senator Frank Carlson of Topeka, Kansas, is a leading Baptist layman. He was general chairman of the recent Capital Teens Convention held in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of Youth for Christ International, and spoke at the opening session on "You and Your Country."



Dr. James DeForest Murch is now managing editor of CHRISTIANITY TODAY, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Formerly from the Buckeye State, he has served as president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. He has also served as editor of THE LOOKOUT and of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION. Dr. Murch is the author of numerous books and pamphlets.

COAST-TO-COAST ACTIVITIES MARK 79TH BIRTHDAY

These are early reports of birth celebrations held in connection with Christian Endeavor Week January 31-February 7.

NEW JERSEY—Hunterdon County U. enjoyed a birthday banquet January 2. Ringoes, with members of Baptist, Presbyterian, and Brethren churches among 135 present. Rev. James I. Cook of Blauvelt Reformed Church spoke on "Is Tomorrow?" Unusual decorations were vivid birthday "cakes" — red candles, marshmallows — set behind small churches featuring Sallman's Head of Christ and the Christian Endeavor motto. Mrs. and Renate Geberl and their father, Fred, played special music that was very special — on a zither! Sarah C. Dilts is president.

WASHINGTON STATE—Nearly 100 youth of the Reformed Church of Lynden are active in the Christian Endeavor societies, which led morning church service on January 31. Reuben Assink serves as society advisor.

INDIANA — Timothy J. Kribs, assistant president of the International Society, was the speaker for the Christian Endeavor Week evangelistic services sponsored by Evansville District Union February 1-3. These services are held annually at this time.

MICHIGAN—At the birthday banquet of All Union the theme "Citizenship Unlimited!" was carried out by red, white and blue decorations, flags, small hats, and Christian Endeavor mats and napkins. Yvonne Douma is president.

OHIO—The Jefferson County Union reactivated on January 31 at a Christian Endeavor Week rally at the Christian Church in Brilliant. Grant Laymon, president of the church, was elected union president.

PENNSYLVANIA—York County High School students met in St. Paul's United Evangelical Church in York on January 31, with four speakers speaking. Other events included a vision interview over WSBA-TV on February 1, a radio program February 6 over WGBS, and a window display in a local shopping center.

NEW YORK—The four Christian Endeavor societies of First Church of Evans, Dutchess County, were hosts on January 31 to youth from six other churches, including one from Erie, Ontario. Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society, was the speaker at the banquet, which was attended by more than 225 persons. Earle W. Gates, immediate past president of the International Society, is minister of this historic church. During morning worship on January 31 one person from each society spoke, in place of the usual sermon. On February 6 Derby young people returned their visit by attending the birthday celebration in Fort Erie.

Additional reports, with photos, will appear in the April 1960 issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Societies and unions are urged to send information to the editor immediately for inclusion in the next issue.

Citizenship Convocation Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is \$5.00 payment which will apply on my \$35.00 convocation fee (including meals, except breakfasts, from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room, in the fabulous Chateau Laurier, plus sightseeing and registration fee).

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Mail this application and \$5.00 to MRS. W. T. WEBSTER, Convocation Registrar, 36 Helena Street, Ottawa 3, Ontario, Canada

ATTEND THE PACIFIC AREA CONFERENCE!



Clyde W. Meadows



Rev. Izumi Watanabe



J. Wesley Siebert



Rev. John Shackelford

Endeavorers of the Pacific Area of the World's Christian Endeavor Union will gather in Mexico City August 17-20 for the Area I Conference. Sessions will be held in the newly-completed Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, conveniently located downtown.

Leaders of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union under the direction of the president, Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha, are preparing a warm welcome for Endeavorers from Area I, which includes the Americas, the Islands of the Pacific, and Asia (except India). Delegates are expected from Japan, Korea, and Australia, with sizeable groups from nearby Guatemala and from Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will give the keynote address. Other program personalities include Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society; Rev. Izumi Watanabe, field secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, past president of the Canadian Union; Rev. John Shackelford, United Presbyterian missionary from Guatemala; and Dr. Francisco J. Huegel, long-time Latin American leader and missionary of the Disciples of Christ.

Mexican leaders who will have program assignments include Dr. David Macias of Coyoacan Presbyterian Church in Mexico City, the moderator of the General Assembly of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, and Rev. Saul Tijerina, minister of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Monterrey and counselor to the National Christian Endeavor Union of Mexico.

The theme is "Christ, the Light of the World." Spanish and English will be the two official languages of the conference. A typical fiesta is planned by Mexican leaders for one afternoon, with Mexican sacred music to be presented by a massed choir at the closing session on Saturday evening.

SEE THE MEXICO YOU'VE DREAMED ABOUT—



Mexico City's Palace of Fine Arts, tour party members will see the famed Tiffany glass curtain. Colored glass sections approximately a yard high, the curtain is a huge painting of the volcanoes, Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl. Special lighting effects give the illusion of dawn breaking over the snow-capped volcanoes. The curtain weighs 22 tons and was built at a cost of \$47,000.

For a memorable vacation, join Christian Endeavor's Mexican Fellowship Tour, personally conducted by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society. The tour group leaves Chicago by air on August 6, spends 23 never-to-be-forgotten days "south of the border," and returns to Chicago by plane, arriving early on August 28.

Mexico offers worlds of pleasure with an almost unending variety of magnificent mountain and tropic scenery and unparalleled resorts. In Mexico City tour group members will enjoy the native shopping, beautiful parks and tree-lined avenues, modern skyscrapers and ancient structures . . . plus the Area I Conference, the highlight of the entire tour.

Within an hour's trip by air is Acapulco, rivaling the Riviera in beauty and color. Picturesque Taxco, Puebla, and Cuernavaca are on the tour itinerary, a convenient scenic drive from Mexico City. Also Morelia, Guanajuato, and other historic cities in the Independence Country will be visited, plus Oaxaca and Fortin de las Flores in tropical Mexico, where orchids and gardenias thrive and coffee and banana plantations vie with each other in a profusion of tropical foliage.

Also included in the tour itinerary is a visit to Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico's newest resort, with its marvelous medicinal waters, beautiful mountainous scenery and clean, exhilarating air, and to San Jose Perua, Mexico's most famous mineral spa, where tour party members will enjoy the invigorating radio-active mineral baths.

Make it Mexico this vacation . . . join the Fellowship Tour. A deposit of \$200 will hold a place for you. For the complete itinerary of this all-expense, personally-conducted tour, write to Harold E. Westerhoff, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Total tour cost is just \$625.

Pictures in the News . . .



Religious News Service Photo

WEST Coast Christian Endeavor leaders shown at the recent Pacific Regional Conference in Portland, Oregon, are (left to right): Seated—Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Pacific Region; Mrs. Etta Berger, president, Oregon Union; Rocky Stewart, president, Washington State Union; and Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary, International Society. Standing—Ed Hillam, president, California Union; Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary, California Union; and Clyde Blakley, field secretary, Oregon Union. Dorothy E. Howes (not pictured), executive secretary of the Oregon Union, also participated in the conference.



Photo by Albert Day

THE current Administration Committee of the International Society is pictured at Christian Endeavor Headquarters during a recent meeting. They are (left to right): Delno W. Brown, who began his new duties February 1 as educational secretary and citizenship director; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary and treasurer; Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary; and Phyllis I. Rike, assistant secretary and editor, *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD*. A snack time with headquarters associates was enjoyed by the committee.

DR. DANIEL A. POLING, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is shown at a recent meeting in Washington, D. C., of the Postmaster General's Citizenship Advisory Committee on Obscenity through the Mails. Members are (left to right): Front row—Mrs. James Parker, International Congress of Parents and Teachers; Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield; Chloe Gifford, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Shane McCarthy, President's Council on Youth Fitness. Back row—Dr. Emanuel Ross, alternate Rabbi Julius Mark; Roscoe Drummond, columnist, *NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE*; Dr. Poling; Dr. Erwin D. C. Ham, editor, *CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR*; and M. Thomas Fitzgerald, alternate for Archbishop William Cousins. Absent was Douglas Black, Doubleday and president.



ARRANGEMENTS for the 1960 Citizenship Convocation were the chief topic of conversation when this group gathered in January at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webster in Ottawa. Those present included (left to right): Mary Campbell, president, Canadian Union; Mrs. Webster, Convocation Registrar; Clyde Sherk, president, Ontario Union, and head of the local arrangements committee; Mr. Hilborn, New Dundee, Ontario; Harold E. Westerhoff (standing); and W. T. Webster, a prominent layman of the U. S. Church of Canada. The photographer, Albert Day, is serving on the local committee.



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SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

Societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1960 Society Roll Call are listed on this year's Honor Roll.

These organizations have been given special certificates. Those receiving red seals have contributed \$30, while blue seals represent a contribution of \$15 or more. Any group contributing \$50 or more receives a gold seal certificate.

This first list includes those who have enrolled during the Mobilization through January 31, arranged alphabetically according to states and provinces. As others make their enrollment they will be listed in future issues.

Red Seal

Illinois
Calumet Division, Chicago Union, Chicago

Missouri
The General Baptist Press, Poplar Bluff

Pennsylvania
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg

Blue Seal

California
Junior, Bethany Reformed Church, Redlands

Illinois
Danforth Reformed Church, Danforth

Indiana
Senior, Cross Evangelical and Reformed Church, Berne

Iowa
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon

Kentucky
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Poole

Maryland
Winfield Church of God, Sykesville

Massachusetts
Sagamore Christian Endeavor Alumni, Medford

Michigan
Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, Holland

Minnesota
Bethel Reformed Church, Edgerton
First Reformed Church, Edgerton

New Jersey
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield
Junior, Woodcliff Community Reformed Church, North Bergen
First Baptist Church, Phillipsburg
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville
Intermediate, Second Reformed Church, Somerville

New York
Alumni Fellowship, New York

Ohio
Monticello United Brethren Church, Spencerville
Crissey United Brethren in Christ Church, Holland

Pennsylvania
Junior High, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg
Senior, Central Methodist Church, Connellsville
Mt. Pleasant Church of God, Dillsburg
Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dover
St. Bartholomew's Union Church, Hanover
St. David Union, St. David's Lutheran and Reformed Church, Hanover
Keisterville Union Church, Keisterville
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer
Mt. Washington United Brethren Church, Mt. Wolf
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield

Young People's, Mt. Tabor Evangelical United Brethren, New Holland
Montgomery County Union, Palm
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
West Park Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Butler County Union, Sarver
Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg
Senior, Fairfield Presbyterian Community Church, Stoneboro
Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Uriah
South Dakota
Chancellor Reformed Church, Chancellor
Tennessee
Blountville Christian Church, Blountville
Virginia
Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Churchville
Senior, Melrose Christian Church, Roanoke
West Virginia
Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg
Wisconsin
Friesland First Reformed Church, Cambria
Spring Green Congregational Church, Spring Green

More Reports of 1960 Birthday Celebrations

ALABAMA—A Junior rally was held on Jan. 31 in Birmingham, directed by the state Superintendent, L. D. Chapman.

NORTH CAROLINA—The First Evangelical and Reformed Church of High Point was the scene January 30 for the state banquet. Toastmaster was Marcus of Greenville, Tennessee, with the message given by the pastoral counselor of the union, Rev. Mrs. Ruth Bovender of Ston-Salem. North Carolina Endeavorers conducted devotions over Station WTV in Greensboro February 1-7 including Barbara Kellam, Sandra Hargrove, R. O. Jackson, Max Furr, and Mrs. Bovender.

IOWA—Rev. J. B. Shelton of the Percival Community Church reports that approximately 100 young people from four neighboring churches were guests at the Senior Youth Banquet on January 31. Speaker was Rev. George Campbell of Farragut Congregational Church. The Society conducted the morning worship that day, with the Junior group in charge on January 7. Spot announcements of activities that week were carried over Radio Station KNEB, Nebraska City.



Juniors of Percival (Iowa) Community Church enjoy a Hamburger Fry as the beginning of festivities celebrating Christian Endeavor's birthday. An evening of recreation in the gym followed, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Winans.



This is the Christian Endeavor monogram. For all Christian Endeavor materials the Publishing Department of the International Society is at your service. Write to Carl F. Herrmann, Manager for a complete catalog listing all literature and supplies available. The address is 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Master prepared for His ministry by mastering himself—and it is His wilderness victory that we remember as churches observe the season of Lent. **WITH YOUNG ADULTS** proposes:

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EARLY thirty years ago, a young minister, serving this magazine as a Contributing Editor while he shepherded a Minneapolis church, wrote on the observance of it in these words:

An aged Civil War veteran once said me as I was taking him home from a mission of his regiment, 'It's a funny thing, er. My old wound always seem to pain more on the anniversary of the battle.' Probably with good reason. The old soldier, thinking over again the events of that long-ago day, would naturally bring his mind more actively to bear on the moment when he fell in the line of fire. Mentally reopened his scars.

Herein lies the significance of the Lenten season. As we draw near the anniversary of the crucifixion of our Lord, and retrace His crimson footsteps that lead up to the cross on the hill far away, we feel more poignantly the wounds of Christ, and sense with a deeper understanding the finality of His triumph over the kingdom of darkness."

The observing of this period of remembrance, reopening the scars of the one and only Sacrifice, is not among the New Testament practices and traditions. The forty days of penitence and spiritual refreshment would seem to date from the fourth Christian century, and perhaps earlier. The word Lent, from the Anglo Saxon *lencten* or *lencten*, means spring—and it would be a fair assumption that the church fathers established the observance to take the place of pagan celebrations ushering in the season when the earth puts on its green robe and the warmth of the sun is felt again.

The forty week days and six Sundays at fall in Lent are presumed to stand for the period of fasting, meditation and preparation which Jesus Christ experienced in making ready for His public ministry, which would proceed within three short years to His sacrificial death and His resurrection at Easter. We read of this treat from men, to be with His Father, Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; and Luke 4:1-13. In a sense, this might be called a first Gethsemane.

We shall find each Gospel writer emphasizing that this time of preparation in a hidden place was an act of the Holy Spirit. The spirit driveth Him into the wilderness" Mark's phrasing. While the familiar story of the Temptation could be read as a single series of events, Mark and Luke

speak of it in terms suggesting that the pressure to achieve a sudden and dramatic success, in worldly ways or by contrivance, was constant and continuing. We do well to honor this first victory of the Saviour over His adversaries by our own, and the church's forty days of prayer, meditation, and sacrificial good works.

It is not, then, by "giving up for Lent" some luxuries or pleasures that the spirit of the wilderness experience close to God is honored. These forms of self-denial have their value, but Lent can mean much more than these.

THE Lenten season should summon us to more earnest and thoughtful "quiet hours" with the Bible and in prayer. This can be a period in which our prayers are most often for others, including those we may know who have not met Jesus and chosen Him to guide their lives and preserve their spirits. It would be well to consecrate some of our money or other possessions-in-stewardship to the Christian Cause—and not merely those small sums that accumulate because we have put aside some luxuries or forms of pleasure!

The prayers of many Young Adults for a finer unity within the Christian fold are appropriate to this season of remembrance, since disunity still inflicts wounds on this brotherhood to which the Master committed His mission. We might ask God to help each of us set the Christian example for integrity, trustworthiness, and clean living. We might with the help of the Holy Spirit search each his own heart in such matters as relations with those of other races and persons over whom we have some authority or control. It is by such a keeping of Lent that a young adult Christian gets ready for a maturity in which he is in truth one who ministers for Christ, though remaining a layman in the church.

In such an observance there is a mental fasting, a sloughing off of the dead and useless things that may have held back our spiritual wholeness and growth. You may also give up things that appeal to the emotions—but the more important release of Lent is from the things not of Christ that have captured our time, our thoughts, our zeal for Christian living.

Let me add that the quotation at the beginning of this article is from the pen of the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, D. D., now of St. Louis, Missouri, and president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Christian Endeavor Week In the Buckeye State

Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio, was fortunate in having three International staff members participate in the birthday rally and homecoming February 7. In addition to International leaders Harold E. Westerhoff, Cecil A. Jeffery, and Phyllis I. Rike, the state president, Rev. Clair E. Beatty, was present with a group from his church in Covington. A "standing room only" crowd in Sullivant Avenue Friends Church represented the largest attendance at a county event in the past ten years.

Fry's Valley Moravian Church near New Philadelphia reports that members of the Christian Endeavor society led the morning church service on January 31, using the Order of Worship prepared by Dr. William W. McKinney and found in the 1960 Christian Endeavor Week Manual. Clyde D. Everett is the sponsor.

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

MARCH

- 24-26—Washington, Seattle
- 24-27—Oregon, Oregon City
- 25-26—Pennsylvania, Harrisburg area, Spring Executive Committee
- 26-27—Indiana, Cicero, Spring Training

APRIL

- 2-3—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake, Spring Conclave
- 23 —Ontario, Hamilton, Spring Rally
- 29-May 1—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey

MAY

- 14 —Ontario, Whitby, Junior Convention
- 27-30—New York, Kingston

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS The Quarterly for Juniors

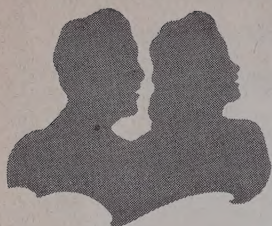
Topics for APRIL

- Apr. 3. Refreshing Promises John 4:5-14.
- Apr. 10. "Behold, Thy King Cometh." Matthew 21:1-11,15,16.
- Apr. 17. "Go Quickly and Tell." Matthew 28:1-8.
- Apr. 24. The Family Works Together. Exodus 2:1-10.

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By BERT H. DAVIS



Born Over Again

No. 1 in a Series: "A New Creation"

John 3:1-6; 1 Peter 1:23

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Aims

To emphasize the born-again experience, and encourage decisions.

To lift up the first basic principle of Christian Endeavor, *Confession of Christ*.

To prepare the hearts of youth for a complete understanding of the resurrection message.

Advertising

Let your poster read:

Come to our meeting

Born

Again

Do you have this degree?

April 4, 1960, 6:30 P.M.

(Make the "B" and "A" in very large letters.)

Make the church bulletin deadline for a notice.

In the Sunday school departments let the youth know that you are having a birthday party at Christian Endeavor. Remind them it is consecration Sunday.

Leader's Approach

Talk of birthdays and the memories they bring of parents and friends and celebrations. Then relate the necessity of having a second birthday in spiritual life. Mention that the discussion will clarify this, with the hope that none will leave without knowing they are born again.

For the Discussion

Speaker One

Someone apt in biology could explain the life cycle of the butterfly. There is the cocoon, the worm, the winged creature. Draw some parallels to our lives:

Cocoon and natural birth

Worm and childhood

Sudden change and conversion

Butterfly and new creation

Speaker Two

Let one or more young people at this point explain the circumstances which led to their new birth.

Speaker Three

Let this one speak from John 1:9-13 about the origin of God's plan for a new birth, particularly in verses 12, 13. Note that spiritual birth does not come from a race of people, nor of physical impulse, nor from a natural father, but from God as the Holy Spirit moves in the heart.

Speaker Four

Let this young person discuss carefully with the pastor the meaning of John 3:1-6 and relate this information to the youth.

Speaker Five

Have another youth express from II Corinthians 5:14-19 what it means to have a new creation.

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service (15 minutes before the meeting begins)

Prompt Opening (Prelude plus opening greeting, plus theme chorus introduced by duet, *Do You Know That You've Been Born Again?*)

Producing Melody (Have four youth prepared to announce and lead a song apiece:

The Church's One Foundation

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

Jesus Saves

Saved to Tell Others

Practicing God's Presence (Have two fellows in flowing robes behind a sheet with proper lighting in silhouette give the dialogue from our text, John 3:1-6. Let another voice lead the group in prayer.)

Personal Approach (Leader's introduction to the presentation)

Proper Discussion

Pastor's Summary

Presentation of Our Bodies (a period devoted to consecration and renewal of our pledge)

Proof of Devotion (the offering)

Practical Matters (announcements)

Proper Closing (benediction)

Speaker Six

Using Titus 3:3-7 let this youth show what privileges are available for the born-again person.

Speaker Seven

Referring to the second text, let this youth explain that the author of God's Word, the Holy Spirit, is the One Who energizes the Word to bring to us light and insight and the desire to accept the new life that Christ is able to give us. The text is I Peter 1:23.

Questions for Youth to Answer

How does God look at me without Christ? (*Romans 3:23; 6:23*)

What did Christ do for me on the cross? (*1 Peter 2:24*)

What must I do to be saved? (*John 3:14-16, 1:12; 5:24*)

Does repentance have a part in our salvation? (*Acts 3:19*)

What should be our confession? (*Romans 10:9,10; Acts 8:37*)

Practical Illustrations

A pastor was once led to make this kind of an introduction to his message:

"I am going to preach on a very important subject tonight that involves every one of us. In fact, only eighteen inches separates you from your eternal resting place. My text is Romans 10:9,10; whether you believe all the facts about Jesus Christ or give way and let Him have your heart makes the difference in your eternal destiny. In the normal person it is only eighteen inches from where we think (top of head) to our hearts (where we have the seat of our affections). Let the Holy Spirit lead you into the truth."

All of us are aware that when one completes a liberal arts education in college he

receives the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Without this degree it is impossible to receive certain employment or to take graduate study. So in our own experience, unless we have after our name the title, "Born Again," we shall be prevented from being Christian and cannot enjoy heaven or a job for Him here on earth.

The Consecration Service

The first Sunday of each month is formally set aside for a time of rethinking commitment to Jesus Christ in the time-honored plan of response to our name: the roll call with a testimony or verse Scripture.

It would be well if each one participating tonight could tell of the approximate time of his second birth, when he or she responded to the invitation of the Gospel received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

Some may not know the exact time and place, but upon the ground of God's Word are trusting in His promises and thus born again.

Before this period of devotion begins would be well to have an opportunity given to make a commitment of life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

An innovation for this service might be to have each one participating light a candle from a large candle symbolizing Jesus Christ and then put his candle in a prepared place which would give a bright testimony in the darkened room. At the conclusion have a bit of refreshment before breaking bread. Thus we would have kept our word in announcement that we were having a birthday party.

Before the Benediction, have everyone join in singing, *Do You Know That You've Been Born Again?*

Special Note

Since Christian Endeavor is a truly international fellowship, there has been no attempt here to outline steps in the process of salvation. Rather we have attempted through the testimony of God's Word to establish the necessity of the new birth. We suggest the pastor's summary in the program to clarify any loose ends and make the presentation clear, leading the youth to their decisions. Our concern has been that their hearts might respond to the faith and result in a true child of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGBOOK. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 121 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

"We Go Up to Jerusalem"

Matthew 20:17-19



Senior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 3

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh^o

Poster

Draw a highway from bottom left to up-right on a cardboard. Scale this to give perspective. At top place a sunburst design as a dome typical of a mosque or synagogue to represent Jerusalem. At either side put "We Go Up to Jerusalem"—"A road Christian Endeavorers to take." Then the time of meeting in advantageous spot.

Make Your Meeting Click

As your worship and discussion group use pictures. Your local library may have slides you can borrow.

Use the following famous pictures are available as slides from the Society for Visual Education, Inc., 1345 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Illinois: Hofmann's *Christ at Bethsemane*; Flandrin's *Christ Weeping over the City*; Hunt's *Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock* (also called *The Light of the World*); Soord's *The Lost Sheep*; and the illustrated hymn, *The Ninety and Nine*.

If slides are not available someone or the church school department has a picture of Christ. Darken the room for worship; focus a light on the picture.

Hymns: *He Lives!*; *Guide Me, O Thou at Jehovah*; *Now I Belong to Jesus*.

Read all Gospels for accounts of the week before the last week of Jesus' life. Take the time to picture these events in your mind. Write down what you picture.

Serious Journey

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem." We do not know exactly where Jesus was standing when He announced the beginning of the greatest and most significant journey in the history of mankind. It was not very long when count miles, but it was hard and long when men measure pain.

Nobody ever traveled so short a distance to so great a task. "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem." This is the climax of the thirty-three years which prepared our Lord for the beginning of His public ministry and the beginning of this trip. Everything in His life pointed to the solemn announcement which was heard by a small group of ragged and doubtful men.

The Greatest of Jewish Feasts

Jerusalem was dear to all Jews because it was the city of God. The Temple, the house of God, was there. Jesus, like every other Jew, was taught to face towards the Temple when He said His daily prayers, no matter where He was. All male Jews were required to go up to Jerusalem for all the great festivals of their religion.

The greatest of the Jewish feasts was the Passover. Jesus attended this feast for the first time when He was twelve. Remember that He was left behind and Mary and Joseph found Him in the Temple arguing from the rabbis. No doubt He came regularly to Jerusalem for this feast. At

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OUR AIMS

1. To see why this Sabbath is called Passion Sunday.
2. To study the Scriptures for the background of the Holy Week and Easter events.
3. To commit ourselves to Christ more fully during these great days of the church's calendar.

QUESTIONS

1. What is loyalty to Jesus?
2. What are some of the ways we take our loyalty to Christ too easily?
3. What has Jesus left for us to do?
4. From whom do we get the standards now commonly accepted in our school, social, and business contacts?
5. Who are some of the most influential personalities of our own day? What qualities do they inspire in those who follow them?

the end of His life He came to this feast and His action there has caused that feast to be remembered ever since. Christians usually speak of it as the Last Supper.

Today Christians and Moslems join the Hebrew people in celebrating the glory of Jerusalem. Millions visit the Holy City and Jews everywhere love it with passionate devotion.

The Paths to the City

Starting at Jaffa Gate, and winding down through the Valley of Hinnom and across the hills, runs the road to Bethlehem. To the north above the walls of the old city the road to Samaria and Nazareth bends away over Mount Scopus. Directly across the city lies the Mount of Olives and a path that leads from Bethany. There He looked with yearning toward Jerusalem. Upon how many tragic days He must have wept, seeing the havoc of men's bitterness and strife.

He sat with His disciples on the Mount of Olives and painted for them and us that scene of the final judgment—"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me." Those who heard His words from far and heeded them have entered into the narrow, close-walled streets of the old city and dotted the hills and valleys round about with centers where His touch still gives sight to the blind and makes lepers whole, and where the poor have good tidings preached to them.

A Door to History

Does not history revolve on great personalities who make great decisions? The supreme personal decision of all time was the decision of Jesus to take the road to Jerusalem. At the end of that road He found a cross, a tomb, an endless life, and an immortal crown. At the end of the same road we find the gift of salvation. Discuss how this has come to pass.

Let's Look at Scripture

Read Luke 9:51-56. Here we see the purpose for Jesus' trip. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem? Certainly not to destroy precious souls to whom God had given "the swift and solemn trust of life." Certainly not to call

down the fire of judgment. His aim was positive, not negative. He went to Calvary that He might reap a precious harvest of human souls for time and for eternity. He went to the cross to save men's lives. Love for all was His motive, and life for all was His aim.

Read Luke 9:57-62. Here we note the call. When Jesus speaks to us with the imperial challenge, "Follow me!" He will not be content with the response, "I will follow Thee, but first . . ." Jesus does not want delays, but disciples. He does not expect excuses, but exertions. The Lord of time marches on, and only those who journey with Him all along the way will be close to Him at the end of the road.

Read Luke 10:38-42. Here we see Jesus' scale of values. In the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus came face to face with one of our foremost human problems—the problem of the price tag. One night a mischievous boy invaded the display window of a department store. He reversed the price tags. He put the high price tags on cheap articles, and the low price tags on expensive articles. The next morning the shoppers who looked into that window were wide-eyed with astonishment. Hose for one hundred dollars, and fur coats for one dollar! Martha needed to learn the lesson of the price tags. Mary was wiser. She had the right scale of values.

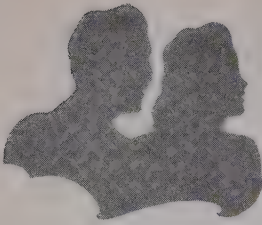
Read Luke 11:1-4. Here we see Jesus' basis of prayer. The art of prayer can be taught only by one who knows how to pray. The disciples realized this, and asked Jesus to teach them to pray. The sublime simplicity of the model prayer that He taught them is like the sublime simplicity of the cross. It is clear, and plain—and unforgettable.

Read Luke 11:29-32. Here we discover what is most important. Every person in the Holy Land should have knelt reverently beside the road to Jerusalem as Jesus moved onward toward the cross. The Saviour of the world was passing by! But, instead, most of the people quibbled and questioned and quarreled. They sought a sign instead of a Saviour. "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." How important it is that we should not make the same mistake! "We would see Jesus!"

Jesus Points the Way Today

To start an auto trip you carefully chart the highways you will travel to their destination. Such an elementary procedure is often neglected when we journey along the highway of time.

Jesus did not merely give us lovely word pictures about life; He marked out the way to travel. He said, "I am the way." He is the way to God, to happiness, to peace of mind, and to worthy purpose in life. He left road markers along the way—prayer, silence, concern for people, humility, and love. Are you traveling His way? Are you following these markers?



I'll Crown Him Lord

No. 2 in a Series: "A New Creation"

Acts 2:36
(Palm Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

To the Leader

As you begin to prepare your mind for the presentation of this topic, pause awhile and prepare your own heart. Find the answer to this question, "Have I crowned Him Lord of my life?"

Ask at least three young people to be prepared to give their own testimony regarding their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. Seek out an adult who has a glowing Christian experience, one advanced in years, to set forth the keeping power of Jesus Christ.

Publicity

Prepare a poster with a cross on the left side, a young person in the middle, and a crown on the right side. Make a connecting line between the cross and the crown. Underneath the young man or woman place in quotations, "I'll Crown Him Lord." State time and place of meeting.

Suggested Worship Service

Pre-Prayer Service

Reading: "A little place of mystic grace, of self and sin swept bare, where I may look upon Thy face and talk with Thee in prayer."

Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11; Acts 2:36.

Prayer Time (Ask for special requests for prayer)

Piano Background (Soft music during prayer-time)

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Talk

1st, 2nd and 3rd Speakers

Our Aim and Life Problem

Discussion and Questions

Hymn: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Period of Meditation and Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Surely you have read about the "babe wrapped in swaddling bands, and lying in a manger." Strange robe and cradle for a Child of the Blood-royal. A sign indeed! God has stooped to the lowest depths in order to lift the sinner to the highest height.

Jesus said, in answer to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should be delivered to the Jews; but now is My kingdom not from hence."

Palm Sunday must be associated with the crowd that acclaimed Jesus King. But later on it developed that the crown they put on Him was one of thorns.

We should keep in mind the cross and the crown when we think of our Lord Jesus Christ. Both were in the counsels of God; and by the way of the cross the King goes on to take the crown. As the suffering Messiah, Jesus is the Lamb of God; as the conquering Messiah, He is the King of Israel. As sinners we truly need Jesus Christ as

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

1. If we crown Christ the Lord of our lives, will we be exempt from temptation to sin and suffering in the body?

2. Could you cite several reasons why some Christians do not want Jesus Christ to be Lord of their lives?

3. In the Palm Sunday story Jesus is referred to as a "prophet." Name two other offices He has, one to all the redeemed of God, the other to the people of Israel.

4. How many answers can we give to the Palm Sunday question, "Who is this?"

5. What should others expect of us when the Saviour becomes the Lord of our lives?

Saviour, but as people redeemed by His precious blood and enjoying our new relationship to God, we need to crown Jesus Christ Lord of our life. Observe the following thoughts.

1. He Wears the Crown of Conquest of Sin

Who else could wear it? No angel in heaven would be acceptable. No mighty potentate on earth would be able. But there is One who can wear it and He will never be challenged. John tells us He was manifested to put away sin and that by the sacrifice of Himself. That's the only way it could be done.

Gabriel, in his annunciation, while promising the restoration of David's throne, also declares the Saviour King shall be called Jesus because "He shall save His people from their sins." When the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, He lost nothing of His essential glory. He was the Lamb of God for sinners slain. A suffering Messiah! The thought was to the prophets perplexing and to the apostles inconceivable. Calvary was a wonderful transaction. Jesus Christ wears the crown of conquest of sin.

2. He Wears the Crown of Nature's Empire

Read the Gospels and you will clearly see that nature hearkens to His commands. See the bread and fish multiply; the storm ceases, the winds are hushed, the waves are calm. Observe the widow's son raised; Lazarus comes out of his tomb, and had He not called him by name, other dead might have come forth from their tombs. When He dies on the cross, the earth quakes and the sun darkens. Because of Him, some day instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree; instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree. The desert shall blossom like a rose. He wears the crown of nature's empire.

3. He Wears the Crown of The World's Coming King

Our old earth is sick and running a high fever. Paul said, "The whole creation groaneth, waiting to be delivered." In Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is vested sovereign jurisdiction over the whole world. For Him

is this world waiting, waiting unconsciously for Him waiting; waiting in its believed sorrow, waiting in its falling waiting in its accumulating dead. But to the Church He whispers, "Surely I quickly." And in the heart of the redeemer there is a glorious response, the one answered prayer for all ages: "Amen, so come, Lord Jesus."

4. He Wants to Wear the Crown Lordship in Our Lives

This is a high step, but it is within reach. Is Jesus Christ really Lord of our lives? Is His will supreme in our lives? He is Lord we shall find great joy in the known will of God. No task will be too small and none will be too great. service for Him will be one of rich delight. Let us crown Him Lord today! He is Potter and we are the clay. He will mold us according to His own plan. we allow Him to do this very thing? crown Him Lord!"

1st Speaker

The Palm Sunday crowd cried "Hosanna." Jesus rode into Jerusalem, "Who is this?" All of us must find the answer to this question. Time is passing too rapidly to be up with wrong answers. How wonderful to know that He is the Lord of my life!

2nd Speaker

Jesus comes into the city acclaiming the King of Israel. The "colt" was symbol of royalty and peace; it is in contrast with the war-horse upon which will ride when in power and glory comes to take the Kingdom. But the cross is to be taken by the way of the cross the Prince of Peace rides on to die.

3rd Speaker

The dying Lamb of God on the cross cried, "It is finished." That cry means "I am finished with God, for it brings the peace of God." "It is finished!" The doors of heaven are open wide! Sinners are welcomed home to God! That cry means through death and life! Through weakness strength! Through defeat victory! Through strife rest! Through suffering gladness! Through death life! Through the cross the crown! The Messiah of sorrow is the Messiah of glory.

Our Aim

To do all we can by the help of God's power and grace to bring young people to a commitment to Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Life Problem

Robert made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and claims he is a follower of Jesus Christ. But his path takes him into the world of sin and shame. He is weak and human, and cannot overcome these temptations. He is not satisfied with his life. How can Robert reach in an endeavor to bring him to the place where he will make Christ Lord of his life?

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The King's Crown

Matthew 27:26-38
(Palm Sunday)



Junior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 10

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole*

Preparing to Lead

The aim of this topic is to remind us of the facts surrounding Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday. Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, was first hailed as King by enthusiastic crowds as He entered the city on Palm Sunday. Before the week was over He wore a crown—but it was a crown of thorns! Because of His humility, sufferings, and sacrifice, we are promised that someday we shall wear a crown of glory!

Advertising the Meeting

Cut out invitations in the shape of crowns from some bright colored construction paper. Cut out small pieces of white paper the information about your meeting and paste these on the crowns.

Make a poster in the shape of a crown to place on your bulletin board, with the topic and meeting information printed neatly on it.

Distribute the individual invitations in your Sunday school. Make sure all the parents and your society members receive one also.

Introduction to the Topic

The title of "king" is usually applied to a person. In the Old Testament it was sometimes used for men who were only leaders or rulers of one city, such as the king of Israel, etc. Having a king means those whom he rules must submit to the will of the person rather than the union of the wills of many people. The Israelites people one time clamored for a king so that they might be like their neighbors. Israel's true king was God. They were a theocracy. "Theos" means "God").

The Christian's true King can be only Jesus Christ. Unless He is crowned King of each life, that life cannot amount to anything so far as real success is concerned.

You have no doubt heard the account of the great Queen Victoria as a young queen who had recently ascended her throne. She went to hear *The Messiah* sung. She had been told that it would not be queenly conduct to rise at the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*, even though everyone else would do it. She kept her seat until the words "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" were sung. It was then she stood and with her head bowed paid tribute to the One Who came to save kings and queens as well as the lowliest person.

We shall illustrate by means of pantomime how, in each area of our lives, we can crown Jesus Christ King.

Pantomime Studies on the Topic

Prepare a stage setting in one corner of your meeting room with a curtain if possible.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is thinking of death silly and unimportant to you?
2. Do you think we should love Jesus Christ merely for the rewards we shall have in Heaven (the crowns we shall wear)?
3. Why is it important that we who belong to Christ review the events of Holy Week often?
4. Do we as Christian young people ever have to wear a "crown of thorns"?
5. Explain how making Christ King of our lives can mean the following:
Peace in our hearts
Power in our testimony
Purpose for our lives
Promise for our future

sible, but it is not really necessary to have one if it is not readily available. If you are fortunate enough to have a stage in your meeting room or a raised platform, you will be all set. You will need to set the stage four different times for the four pantomime studies.

I—Crown Jesus Christ King of Your Home Life

(Have a scene depicting a home scene such as the family seated in a living room or around a table. The father might be reading, the mother sewing, two teen-age children studying, possibly a smaller child playing with a toy, seated on the floor.)

Narrator: For some reason it is always harder for a Christian to live a true witness around those he loves than around anyone else. Because our parents and families love us, we expect them to put up with our faults—our being cranky, moody, untidy, and so forth. We take for granted the love of those close to us.

If we would crown Christ King of our home life, we should try to—

1. Be considerate of everyone in our household.
2. Respect the property of others.
3. Tell our families often that we love them and appreciate them.
4. Help with everyday chores willingly and cheerfully; volunteer before we are asked.
5. Be faithful in telling others in our own household who do not know Christ of His love and salvation.

II—Crown Jesus Christ King of Your School Life

(Line up two rows of chairs, headed by a desk behind which a teacher is sitting, or if there is a blackboard available the teacher can be standing at the board with chalk in her hand. Teen-agers are seated in the chairs listening to the teacher.)

Narrator: Have you ever stood by in the school yard while others made fun of someone? Have you listened to stories which would hurt a fellow student's character? Have you ever joined others in making a teacher's life miserable? Have you ever in even a very small way been dishonest in an examination?

If you would have to answer "yes" to any of these questions you could not honestly

say Christ could be crowned King of your school life. If we want King Jesus at school with us we must—

1. Never make fun or soil a person's character.
2. Try to help rather than kick the "underdog."
3. Cooperate with our teachers—they are human and have feelings, too.
4. Take tests on our own knowledge, never in even a small way depending on someone else.
5. Use every opportunity to tell our fellow students and teachers of the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

III—Crown Jesus Christ King of Your Social Life

(Have several members standing with some sports equipment in their hands such as tennis rackets, roller skates, bowling shoes, or whatever sport is the favorite of your gang.)

Narrator: It is a tragic thing to see a Christian young person out with a crowd who will go along with what the rest are doing even though he knows it is wrong. It isn't easy to remain true to Christ and be called a "Sunday school boy" or "holy Joe," but it is what we must do if we belong to Christ. This is not too much to expect when we remember Christ gave His very life for us.

Some things we might keep in mind if we want to crown Jesus King of our social life are—

1. Be friendly and cheerful and not moody (if the crowd wants to do something don't be the one who always objects, unless of course it is against your convictions as a Christian).
2. Always play fair. Do not play just to win.
3. Try to dissolve cliques by including everyone in the "inner circle."
4. Witness for Christ as we play.

IV—Crown Jesus Christ King of Your Church Life

(A group of young people sitting on chairs arranged in a semi-circle and presided over by a teacher will represent a Sunday school class. They should all be following in their Bibles while the teacher reads from his.)

Narrator: Does it seem strange to you that this should be included in our list of places to crown Christ King? Isn't this the one place we would act as a Christian should? Well, you know the answer. Too often Christian people do not act as though Christ were King. When they cannot have their own way they can be very nasty, in church or out of church.

Look over this list of ways to crown Christ King in our church life—

1. Never lose our tempers.
2. Be quick to say "I'm sorry" when we are in the wrong.
3. Don't insist on our own way. Respect the opinions of others.
4. Be quick to forgive when we have been wronged.
(You may add to these lists many of your own choosing.)



A New Person Altogether

No. 3 in a Series: "A New Creation"

II Corinthians 5:17
(Easter)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Rev. Burton Weber*

Aims

1. To help young people understand the claim salvation makes upon all of life.
2. To encourage young people in the struggle to overcome and avoid habits that only bring frustration and despondency.
3. To give assurance to those who are in despair because of the Christian's constant battle against sin and its temptations.

Promotion

For a poster suggestion you might try cutting out or drawing a picture of a man, a woman and a young person for the poster. Cut out or leave out the facial features, substituting a question mark in place of them. Add the question, "Who is the new person?" Of course, you will also want to include the details of the meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Jesus Calls Us*
Song Service: *He Keeps Me Singing; Lead On, O King Eternal; There's a New Day Dawning; Christ Is the Answer*
Scripture: Romans 8:8-15; II Corinthians 5:17
Prayer
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Announcements and Offering
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Closing Hymn: *Beneath the Cross*
Silent Prayer and Benediction

For the Leader

Our lesson for this week is based on II Corinthians 5:17. It would be a good idea to have everyone read this verse for himself, if this is possible, to start off the topic presentation. The title is taken from J. B. Phillips' translation of the New Testament. Perhaps you can find a copy of this to use. You may wish to use other translations as well to aid in understanding the full meaning of the verse.

Leader's Introduction

The present series of topics has so far endeavored to bring us to a place where we are willing to let Christ be the king of our lives. But it is a big mistake to think that we need only to make a commitment of our lives and then everything is settled and all right.

In this lesson we want to emphasize the continuing effect of Christ upon our lives. Conversion is only the "narrow gateway." What happens along the "hard pathway" that leads from the gateway to the end of our life on earth is the real test. It is the proof of the sincerity of conversion.

The Verse

Let us look at the verse that has given this topic its title. It reads: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." The Revised Standard Version changes this just a bit, making it "a new creation."

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What should be the Christian's attitude toward sin in the lives of those around him?
2. What should be our attitude toward sin in our own lives?
3. Discuss the difference between reform and transform.
4. What are some ways that we can find help in the struggle against the temptations that beset us?

This suggests that the creation of man can be compared in some ways with the experience of the Christian life. When God first created man he was in the image of God. But when man sinned he marred that image in himself. The effect of sin in fact was so damaging that death was the result.

The death that resulted was a death of the spirit. Jesus said, "It is the spirit that gives life." So it was necessary to create in man a new spirit. This is the new creation of which II Corinthians 5:17 speaks. It is the creation of a new spirit and in a very real way produces a new person altogether. In this way the image of God is restored in man.

It Affects All of Life

The new creation that is wrought in the Christian is one that affects all of life. It is not merely an improvement. The Gospel doesn't even propose that men reform. It is instead a transformation. The Christian differs even from what he was at his very best before he met Christ. He may have been a good moral man such as Nicodemus, but this is not enough. He must be changed to the very roots of his being.

Thinking

What does the transformation do to our thinking? A Christian thinks differently. Perhaps we can say the changed thinking is the real basis of change, for our outlook and habits are really the product of our thinking. "As he thinketh in his heart so is he," says the proverb.

His old self-centered purposes and desires and ambitions are changed. He thinks in terms of the good of his fellow men and of the will of God. These take preference over self.

We live in a very selfish age. To think of the other fellow and the will of God ahead of self will alone make the Christian stand out as different. And he is different—a new person altogether. The things that once held a great deal of attraction for him have lost their appeal and he has found new joys and new attractions in the church and in service for Christ.

Reactions

But not only does the transformation affect our thinking, it affects also our reactions. This is where the Christian shows his changed attitude toward people. He is quick to forgive when he has been wronged. He is quick to help when there is need. He holds no bitterness or grudges in his

heart and does his best to uphold truth and fair play.

This does not mean that he is always perfect. But he tries to be. That is ultimate goal. And if he fails, his attitude is repentant. But there is a constant struggle being waged in his being between flesh and its lure on the one hand and spirit and its demands on the other.

Habits

Habits can be our greatest enemy, they can also be a valuable friend. We are creatures of habit and in very early childhood we begin to form them. Some may be good and wholesome while others may be harmful or at least may only lead to frustration and disappointment. Habits have a way of forming almost before we realize what is happening.

When we become a Christian it is always easy to overcome our bad habits. We may have formed unhealthy habits, we may be bound by the habit of taking God's name in vain or of losing our temper or of being selfish. The Christian of course faces a real battle to overcome some of these. Unwholesome habits may be our greatest enemy.

The best way to overcome a habit is to substitute a good habit in its place, if possible. Here, then, is where good habits can be a valuable friend. But even so there is a constant struggle to get rid of an old habit.

A Note of Assurance

Paul points out our struggle in Romans 7. He too had to constantly battle the desires of the flesh. This fact ought to give us encouragement. Even though we have made new creatures in Christ we still face temptations and sin. The presence of these struggles doesn't mean we have not been made new creatures.

What the new creation does bring is the assurance that we will do right in the sight of God by the help of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said, "I can will what is right but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want to, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Romans 7:18b,19,R.S.V.). Christ is the constant source of help and strength and with His help we can gradually gain more and more victory over these besetting sins. One day we shall be made completely free.

Illustration

Alcoholics Anonymous uses the idea of substituting new habits for the alcoholic craving. They tell their members to call on a fellow member whenever they find themselves being tempted to start drinking again. In this way the alcoholic learns to make a habit of seeking the company of friends, those who will encourage him in his struggle—rather than yielding to the urge to drown his troubles. Perhaps it would be interesting to discuss the merits and faults of this type of a program. Compare it with the evangelistic mission type of rehabilitation and the hospital method of temporary enforced abstinence.

A Life of Hope

I Peter 1:3-9
(Easter)



Junior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 17

Comments by Rev. C. Ray Miller*

Noting the Meeting

At the top of a large sheet of paper, place words, "He Is Risen" (Matthew 28:6). Under this heading give an invitation to all Junior High students to attend Christian worship in order to learn more about this event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago but which is of utmost importance today. Invite several members, in advance, to help in preparing a small newspaper which should include articles concerning our Lord's death, and resurrection. Emphasis, of course, should be placed upon the resurrection with stories of the angel who spoke words, "He is not here: for He is risen, as he said," stories of the soldiers and the stone being rolled away; stories of the post resurrection appearances; and others.

Program Outline

Prayer Service

Introduction

Worship:

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7,8)

Location

Scripture Lesson: I Peter 1:3-9

Prayer Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

Prayer

Announcements

Prayer

Special Music

Leader's Introduction

Consideration of Blessings

Discussion of Questions

Prayer, expressing thanks to God for the gift of His Son, for our Lord's miraculous birth, for His outstanding life, and for His death and resurrection.

Prayer: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Prayer

Leader's Introduction

The Christian's hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Other religions look with pride upon the words of their leaders. The unique thing about Christianity is that the tomb of Jesus Christ is empty and does not contain the body of a dead leader who lived nearly 2,000 years ago.

This Man, Jesus, was born contrary to the laws of nature and even in infancy was an outstanding Person. At this period of His life, He startled a king. At a later period He puzzled the doctors and still later led the course of nature. His ministry, though brief, was most effective.

As He came to the close of this earthly ministry, the future, to some, looked very dark. His arrest, trial, conviction, and crucifixion all seemed to combine to spell defeat. But when He arose on Easter morn-

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the resurrection of Christ assure us of peace, joy, and other blessings?
2. Why does the fact that our Lord lives mean that we are not to be troubled by problems about us?
3. How does His resurrection strengthen our belief in Him and assist us in temptations?
4. How can we witness for the living Christ?
5. Why is it a real privilege to serve Christ?
6. Why is it likewise our duty to serve Him?
7. State several ways by which we may serve Him.
8. In what ways have you served Him during the past week?
9. The Apostle Paul made the following statement in I Corinthians: "And last of all He appeared unto me." What did this mean to Paul? What does it mean for Christ to appear to us?

He demonstrated His power over death, hell, and the grave. He had completed His mission and had broken the power and bondage of sin.

The chains of death had been shattered and the empty grave assures us that Christ is risen indeed. He is our living Lord. Because of this fact we enjoy many blessings.

Hope of Life Beyond the Grave

One of the great blessings which we enjoy, due to the fact that Jesus conquered death, is the hope of eternal life. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

In I Peter 1:3,4, we read these words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

This promise of eternal life may be claimed by "whosoever will," whether young or old. The apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, stated that he was ready to be offered and that the time of his departure was at hand. He had fought a good fight, he said, and not only finished his course but had kept the faith. Now as a result of this "there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

We have seen persons, both young and old, who have come to the point of death with no fear whatsoever but rather with a song on their lips because of this hope—the hope of eternal life.

The Risen Christ Gives New Hope

Our Lord, Who broke the chains of death, Who conquered the same, and Who lives

today, causes life for us to take on new meaning and significance. As we learn the power of the risen Christ in our lives, we are thrilled with the thought of living for Him, of fellowshiping with Him, and of being of service for Him and His Church.

We are caused to rejoice even in face of temptations and trials when we know the power of the risen Christ. Our hope is not only of an inheritance "reserved in Heaven," but also of being "kept by the power of God through faith."

The Risen Christ Gives Joy

There is a very real cause for rejoicing when a person has learned the power of this risen Christ. He rejoices that his sins are forgiven; that he has a new outlook on life; and that he has the opportunity of sharing Christ with others. He considers this opportunity of sharing as one of the greatest that comes to him; and even in spite of the outcome, which may be scorn or rebuke, he has real joy as he serves the living Lord.

As we study this lesson dealing with a life of hope due to one of the greatest events ever recorded—the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ—and then as we go forth to serve, let us do so with real joy in our hearts.

The Risen Christ Gives Peace

The disciples, for the most part, were greatly disturbed because of the seeming failure as Jesus was nailed to the cross. The outlook for them was not very encouraging but after the resurrection and after the appearances of our Lord to them, a very real change was noticed. Peace, rather than frustration, was manifested in their lives, and is manifested in our lives today when we experience a transformation. Peace becomes one of the finest characteristics of the born-again believer. This peace, which only the risen Christ can give, is different from that which the world terms peace.

Closing

Following the discussion of this lesson, the leader or counselor may take advantage of the opportunity to invite those who do not know Christ personally to allow Him to come into their hearts and make them "new creatures."

Emphasize the fact that the risen Lord has power to transform lives and that He desires that we follow Him and serve Him faithfully.

Junior Highs and those in Senior-Young People's societies will use the same topic on April 24. Additional resource materials for this mission study may be ordered from the International Society. Junior Highs will want the book, "Raising Cane on Huckleberry" by Alice Cobb (paper \$1.50), with the accompanying guide, "How to Use 'Raising Cane on Huckleberry'" by Margaret Greene (paper 65c). For older youth the book is "Windbreaks" by J. Martin Bailey (paper \$1.50) with the guide, "Youth and the Town and Country Church" (paper 65c).

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The Church's Mission in Town and Country

Matthew 28:16-20

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer*

Purpose

To promote a better understanding among city societies regarding the peculiar problems, difficulties, and opportunities confronting the Christian Church in small towns and rural areas.

To discover new resources for the town and country groups, and develop methods of putting these resources to practical use.

Promotion

Secure pictures of rural churches. These may be found on calendars, old bulletin covers, and magazines. Paste these on large sheets of paper containing the place of meeting, date and name of leader of the meeting. Place these posters in conspicuous places around the church.

Preparation for the Leader

Since both city and rural groups will be using this topic, it is evident that each will approach the discussion with differing viewpoints.

If you are from a city society, it would be helpful to contact a town or country society and make arrangements for a combined meeting. Perhaps a supper for both groups could be arranged. Prior to the meeting, ask the society from the rural area to conduct your group on a tour of the farms in the area. Notice the modern homes which will be found on many of the farms. Find out the daily chores to be done, how long they take, and the time of day they must be done.

If you are from a rural society you might invite a city society to be your guests. If this is impossible, invite the county agricultural agent or the agriculture teacher of the local school to sit in the meeting as a resource leader. With his help make a list of and discuss the various social and educational problems confronting the community.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 104:13,14
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20
Sentence Prayers
Announcements
Offering
Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Now the Day Is Over*
Benediction

Procedure

While social problems are changing at a rapid pace throughout the world, nowhere have conditions and problems changed at a more rapid pace than in the smaller communities.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What phases of community life should be concerns of the church? What should not?
2. From what sources can the church recruit leadership?
3. Is the town and country church responsible to the city church in any way? If so, in what areas?
4. Does the city church owe the town and country churches anything?
5. Can both rural and city churches develop a mutually helpful program?
6. Are there any methods of helping the rural church to finance its program which are not only scriptural, but will also help in developing Christian fellowship among the members?

Often we read articles which are supposed to be authoritative in which the rural church is pictured as a disorganized group of people using a poorly appointed building which is badly in need of repair and in danger of closing its doors. There may be isolated cases of this kind, but by and large, this is an inaccurate and unfair picture of the churches in our town and country communities.

The writer of this topic has spent the entire twenty years of his ministry in rural churches, varying in membership from 80 to 350. In all instances, the congregations were made up of people who were eager, alert, aware of their responsibilities, and anxious to serve, providing the leadership had a program that was both practical and challenging. There are problems peculiar to the rural parish, and these we are to consider in this topic.

The rural church usually finds itself separated from other congregations of its own denomination. Often, however, congregations from other denominations are in neighboring towns or villages. This means that the town and country churches must develop a spirit of interdenominational cooperation, and to be most successful will even develop interdenominational programs to a greater degree than is true of city churches. On the youth level, Christian Endeavor, with its interdenominational emphasis, becomes an ideal organization to bring young people together in spirit so that together they may find solutions to their common concerns.

Since town and country churches are smaller than most city congregations, the financial support is also smaller. In many instances this means two or more congregations of different denominations sharing one pastor. Various arrangements have been developed to aid such sharing. Some of them are mergers, federations, and larger parishes. Ask your pastor to help you to discover the difference between these arrangements and discuss the strong points, as well as the disadvantages, of each.

Another problem of the rural church is the matter of seasonal activity both on the farms and in town where many of the business establishments service the farms.

The leadership of the church must accept this fact and develop a local program which though it may seem sporadic, will nonetheless be of service when people are free to accept such service.

In addition to this, the town and country church must learn to work with and provide leadership and often housing for other community organizations such as 4-H club, Future Farmers organizations, Grange, Extension Bureau, Farmers Union, or whatever other community organizations may be existing.

Just as the rural church finds strength in cooperative programs, so other economic factors of the town and country community become stronger through cooperative organizations of various kinds. Ask a teacher who is familiar with such organizations, the manager of such a cooperative, to help you list different kinds of cooperative groups and discover the reason for their being. Discuss your findings in this meeting and try to determine what part, if any, the church should play in such enterprises.

Finally, the town and country church should interpret some of the labor and economic organizations found in cities. Rural young people find it difficult to understand why, when their farms produce a great abundance of wheat, they are unable to purchase a loaf of bread at the local store merely because the bakeries of the nearby city are closed by a strike. A visit of your Christian Endeavor to a meeting of a labor union involved, together with an opportunity to hear the point of view of management, may provide new insights into problems.

To all these concerns of life in the town and rural communities, the church must bring the Gospel of Christ with its concern for human welfare and betterment in the fields, its acknowledgment of God the Creator, its belief that all of nature is one, the revelations of God's nature, and spiritual healing for all who will believe.

Problems to Ponder

Two small churches are located in a small village. One is served by a student minister from a seminary nearby. These students are changed as each graduate. The other tries to keep a full-time pastor but due to limited finances is unable to keep a minister any length of time. How can they work together, sharing a common ministry, yet retain the theological beliefs which separate them but which are also very important to each.

Three communities are located about five miles from each other. Each has a struggling church within it. Each church has different denominational ties. One church has a pastor who has been on the field for eight years. The other two are supplied for short periods by men who are retired and are doing this supply work merely to fill the gap that exists in the church. What can these churches do together? How can they strengthen their common witness to the people? What might this involve?

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The Church's Mission in Town and Country

Matthew 28:16-20



or High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 24

omments by Roberta Carrington*

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ok through magazines for pictures of city church and a little country church. these on a poster board and letter theing: MISSIONS — TOWN AND NTRY. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR,—M. TONIGHT.

ler's Introduction

hen we hear the word "missions" so our thoughts turn to foreign places— a, Japan, Africa. This is good for woul missionary work goes on "over there." ave you ever thought, "How wonderful ould be to be a missionary's child and in those far-away places!" True, it d be a wonderful experience to see e foreign lands, but did you realize you do live on a mission field? For ever you live, whether town or couny are living on one of today's most enging mission fields.

might we want to think about some e these fields right in our own backyard. s take a look at two of our American ches.

k #1—The City Church

he church stands tall and proud on its orner. It is a fine old building, many es high and with lovely stained glass dows that look out over the tops of smaller buildings nearby.

he church used to be in the midst of e residential area, but things have nged here. For now we find business ndustry crowding in on every side. t the few buildings that are still used homes are run-down and rickety and eople who live there look run-down rickety too.

t used to be that missions always seemed ar away to this fine church, but today e church knows that its mission field is t at its own front door. Right now a e boy is chasing a little girl up and wn its steps, two teen-age boys are loung- against the light post out front, and a up of giggling school girls have just sed by.

Most of these young people are of Span- or Mexican descent, but some are white d some are Negro and some are Japanese. ey all live within a few blocks of this e church in the rickety, run-down build- ings that still serve as homes.

Their dads and moms work in the fac-

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service

Song Service: Choruses

Special Feature: Book reports, filmstrip, etc.

Announcements and Offering

Hymn Time: In Christ There Is No East or West; In the Service of the King; I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Leader's Introduction

Talk #1—The City Church

Talk #2—The Country Church

Sponsor's Summary

Benediction

tories and industries nearby and often there is no one at home when they get out of school. So they wander the streets of the city, looking for something to do. And always they find something. Most often it is mischief and makes trouble for someone. Many times the police are called when the mischief really gets out of hand.

Now in front of the church an old lady comes faltering along. The years have taken their toll and she finds it difficult to walk. But she lived in the neighborhood when it was a fine and prosperous part of town. She was married in the big church, her children went to Sunday school there, the family worshiped there together. Now her children are married and have moved away. Her husband died ten years ago and she stayed on in the old house, supporting herself by renting some of the rooms. She is too old to move away now. Besides, some of her lifelong friends are still living in the neighborhood. She comes by the church every couple of days and goes inside to sit in one of the pews for a few minutes of rest and remembering of the old days. She is thankful for what she has, but her life is empty.

The city church looks about at these people and thinks, "Just because I'm big and prosperous looking doesn't mean there isn't a mission field here. I'm located right in the center of one of the greatest mission fields ever. Here, mingling together, are peoples of every race and color. These people need help—both physical and spiritual. Some are ill, some hungry, many are lonesome and afraid, and they all need Christ!"

How about it, Endeavorers, it's our mission field. What can we do, what are we willing to do, to bring these folks into our churches so they can meet our Christ!

Talk #2—The Country Church

It wasn't much to look at—in fact, you'd never know it was a church, except on Sunday. Then there was a big sign set up outside, telling the folks about Sunday school and church. During the week it looked like what it was—a run-down, drafty building called the Grange Hall. But as this country church looked over the area it served, it too was a proud, though humble, church.

The folks who lived nearby were farmers or ranchers—call them what you will, they made their living from the land. And

nearby didn't mean five city blocks. It meant five to ten miles in all directions. This was a small community, only a half dozen buildings in the "downtown" section. Six days a week the men worked with their land. Saturday afternoon they cleaned up and brought the family to town to shop for the next week. Sunday found some of these folks down at the Grange Hall, or rather church, for services.

The Grange Hall watched these folk come tramping in and it was glad that on Sunday it could be used for church. The man who came each week to hold services was a good man and the people listened closely to what he said.

Look at the Brown family over there. Mr. Brown quit school when he was in the 8th grade to go to work on the farm. His wife made it through the 9th grade before she went to work in the fields. Now they are married and have five wonderful children. The oldest is in high school and must ride his bicycle twenty miles each day to go to school. But Mr. Brown wants his family to have the education he didn't have a chance to get. And besides, the boy is learning how to raise better crops and take better care of the livestock, so this doubly pleases Mr. Brown.

These are hard-working people and they have little time to call their own. But they are lucky, for they own their land. Many of the folk who live in the area are just working for someone else—picking the crops, tending the livestock. In good years things are fine, but in a bad year food is scarce and heat is too.

The little country church looks over its flock and thinks, "Mission field, yes, surely this is it. For many of these folk who do not own their land are here today and somewhere else tomorrow. If they don't meet Christ here, they may never meet Him." And they have other needs too which a church can meet—they need friends and fellowship, they need love and a sense of belonging. Yes, this is my mission, says the country church—to meet the needs, both physical and spiritual, of the folk who live around me, many of whom never think of coming to church for their answer.

So it is, Endeavorers, that we can serve on this mission field by helping to bring the church and the Christ it represents to these people.

Sponsor's Summary

Certainly there is a mission field for you and me right where we are every day. Let's spend a few minutes considering what we can do right here in our own area to bring help, both physical and spiritual, to our neighbors. How can we show His Love to others here in our community? Is there a project we could undertake that would help someone and give us perhaps the opportunity to tell them about Him? Could we organize some mid-week activities that would give young people who have "nothing to do" something to keep them out of mischief? Missions don't have to be foreign. They can be right in your own backyard!

Outdoor Posters

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Pennsylvania

Donnelly Advertising Corporation, Scranton
Pittsburgh Outdoor Advertising Company, New Brighton
General Outdoor Advertising Company, Inc., Philadelphia
Lehigh Advertising Company, Allentown
Wright Poster Advertising Company, South Brownsville
Lancaster Outdoor Advertising Company, Lancaster
Max Ludwig Company, New Castle
O. O. Orner Outdoor Advertising Company, Lewistown
Johnstown Poster Advertising Company, Johnstown
Pittsburgh Outdoor Advertising Company, Greensburg
Penn York Advertising, York
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Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for April, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Mar. 28. Christ's Determination. Luke 9:51-53.
T., Mar. 29. Paul's Commitment. I Corinthians 2:1-5.
W., Mar. 30. Faint Not. Galatians 6:9,10.
T., Mar. 31. Happiness in Endurance. I Peter 3:8-16.
F., Apr. 1. Gird Up. I Peter 1:13-15.
S., Apr. 2. Cling to God. Joshua 23:6-8.
Sun., Apr. 3. Topic—"We Go Up to Jerusalem." Matthew 20:17-19.
M., Apr. 4. A Crown in God's Hand. Isaiah 62:1-3.
T., Apr. 5. The Crown Jewels. Malachi 3:17,18.
W., Apr. 6. Crowns at Jesus' Feet. Revelation 4:4-11.
T., Apr. 7. Many Crowns. Revelation 19:11-13.
F., Apr. 8. Crown of Glory and Honor. Hebrews 2:7-9.
S., Apr. 9. A Golden Crown. Revelation 14:13-16.
Sun., Apr. 10. Topic — The King's Crown. Matthew 27:26-38. (Palm Sunday)
M., Apr. 11. Christ's Resurrection and Our Confession. Romans 10:9,10.
T., Apr. 12. The Resurrection and Justification. Romans 4:16-25.
W., Apr. 13. The Resurrection and Righteousness. Romans 6:8-12.
T., Apr. 14. The Resurrection and Faith. I Corinthians 15:17-20.
F., Apr. 15. Christ's Resurrection and Ours. I Thessalonians 4:13-18.
S., Apr. 16. The Resurrection and Knowledge. Ephesians 1:15-20.
Sun., Apr. 17. Topic—A Life of Hope. I Peter 1:3-9. (Easter)
M., Apr. 18. Christian Concern. Luke 15:3-7.
T., Apr. 19. The City Ministry of Jesus. Matthew 9:35-38.
W., Apr. 20. Christ's Concern. Luke 19:41-44.
T., Apr. 21. Go to the Lost. Matthew 10:5-8.
F., Apr. 22. Religious Reform. Acts 19:17-20.
S., Apr. 23. A Teaching Ministry. I Timothy 4:4-11.
Sun., Apr. 24. Topic—The Church's Mission in Town and Country. Matthew 28:16-20.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Mar. 28. Birth of a New Spirit. Ezekiel 36:26-27.
T., Mar. 29. Divine Origin. John 1:1-5.
W., Mar. 30. New Creation. II Corinthians 5:17-21.
T., Mar. 31. Regeneration and Salvation. Titus 2:11-14.
F., Apr. 1. Born by Faith. I John 1:9.
S., Apr. 2. Prayer for Renewal. Psalm 51:10-13.
Sun., Apr. 3. Topic—Born Over Again. 3:1-6; I Peter 1:23.
M., Apr. 4. The Eternal King. Isaiah 9:6-7.
T., Apr. 5. The Righteous King. Jeremiah 23:5-7.
W., Apr. 6. The Universal King. Daniel 7:13-14.
T., Apr. 7. The King's Cause. John 18:36-38.
F., Apr. 8. The King of Kings. I Timothy 6:15-16.
S., Apr. 9. Crowned with Glory. Hebrews 1:8-12.
Sun., Apr. 10. Topic—I'll Crown Him. Acts 2:36. (Palm Sunday)
M., Apr. 11. Old Marks Gone. Galatians 6:14.
T., Apr. 12. Old Enmity Gone. Ephesians 2:15-16.
W., Apr. 13. Old Man's Gone. Ephesians 4:22-24.
T., Apr. 14. Old Deeds Gone. Colossians 3:8-9.
F., Apr. 15. Old Life Gone. Romans 8:13.
S., Apr. 16. Old Name Gone. Isaiah 55:1-5.
Sun., Apr. 17. Topic—A New Person Altogether. II Corinthians 5:17. (Easter)
M., Apr. 18. Christian Concern. Luke 15:3-7.
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NEWS

from around the world

Prince of Peace, and Reign" was the theme for the February 22 annual convention of Westchester County Union held at the Presbyterian Church, Tarrytown, New York. The day-long events included sessions in the morning, business sessions and conferences in the afternoon, a luncheon and a discussion period led by P. V. Doss from India, the convention banquet and an evening session with Dr. A. G. Enzo as the speaker. A Junior Convention also held on February 22, featured sessions, an arts and crafts period, and a "prayer conference" led by Lowell Patton.

Reports indicate that Billy Graham's "safari evangelists" is bringing rich fruit. Meetings have been held recently in Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Kenya, and Zaire. Pray for the final days of his mission to Africa.



James Ives, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Sousa, became an Endeavorer as a Junior at Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia. He is now studying at the university in Mexico City. Upon completion of his course he will serve as a medical missionary under the Presbyterian Board in Mexico.

In Mexico City James Ives attends the Christian Endeavor society at Coyoacan Presbyterian Church. When he returned on a Christmas visit home to Norfolk, he received a friendship gift of a large white silk shawl signed by members of Hope Chapel. Coyoacan Endeavorers also have an annual gift from Virginia, a plaque brought by Mr. and Mrs. Sousa when they visited Mexico last summer. The society was heard in a report of the Philadelphia Convention and the Sousas visited the meeting.

The theme for National Library Week April 3-9, "Open Wonderful New Worlds—Wake Up and Read," is especially applicable to Christian Endeavorers. Youth can be better-read, better-informed Christians if they take time each day to read and study God's Word. Wake up and read—the Bible!

Texas Endeavorers of the Bi-County Union in the Houston area recently sponsored a successful Youth Crusade for Christ. Gloria McDonald reports that three services were held in Arcadia, beginning with a motorcade from the LaMarque High School. Decorated cars were used, plus a float with the theme, "Branding the World for Christ." Speakers included Rev. Jerry Batts, Rev. Al Dorsett, and Rev. Bill Deatheredge. Gloria reports that these meetings were both interracial and interdenominational.

Scottish Endeavorers recently reopened their headquarters and bookroom at 134 Wellington Street, Glasgow. Newly redecorated and with new furniture, the bookroom is displaying a new stock of books.

Rev. Joseph Blinco of the Billy Graham team was the speaker at the Endeavor Day anniversary service on February 2 in Brisbane, Australia. Members of the Billy Graham Crusade Choir, in which many Australian Endeavorers participated, sang at the rally.

Christian Endeavor in Peru is 52 years old. It had a humble beginning in a converted shop, but has grown until it is found in all parts of the country. The beginning of Christian Endeavor took place before religious tolerance found its way into the Peruvian Constitution in 1915.

Endeavorers of Korea will soon be using a new projector and screen in their work, thanks to youth in Ohio. The young people in the Buckeye State adopted this as their 1959 missionary project.

In Pakistan there are 116 Christian Endeavor societies, according to a report from S. S. S. Albert, youth secretary of the West Pakistan Council of Christian Churches.



Rev. Wayne S. Flory of Lakewood, California, began his work as executive field secretary for Los Angeles County Union on October 15. An ordained minister in the Brethren Church, Mr. Flory served as a chaplain in the United States Army for two years and has served Brethren Churches in Whittier and Long Beach.

The Christian Endeavor societies of Syria and Lebanon are within the Union of the Armenian Churches in the Near East. Founded 35 years ago, the union includes 410 senior societies and 525 Junior groups. An executive committee of ten members, equally divided between Syria and Lebanon, is elected at the annual convention.

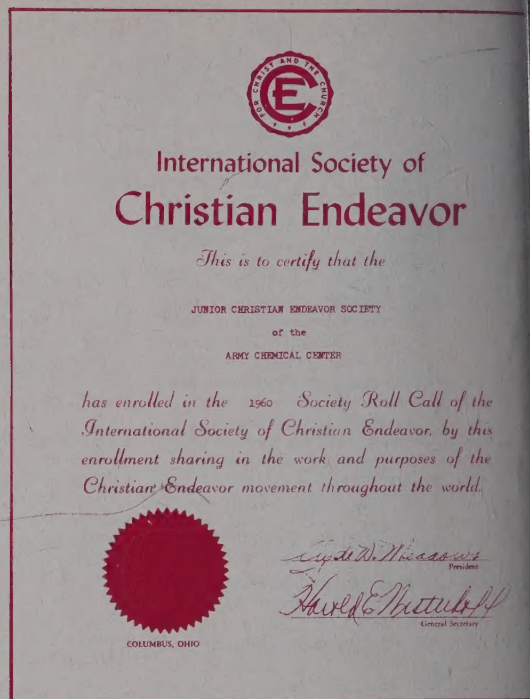
Irish Endeavorers participated in the annual young people's convention in Belfast February 7-14, with the February 8 service being observed as Christian Endeavor Night. The chairman at that service was Harold Brown, president of the Irish Union.

The Jamaica Christian Endeavor Union has close ties with Great Britain. A former president of the British Union was a Jamaican, and the present secretary of the Jamaican Union received training at British headquarters in Hounslow. There are 70 societies with 3,500 senior members in Jamaica, 1000 Juniors and 250 young people. Seventy members in six societies made decisions for Christ and joined the church last year.

Delegates to the Tenth All India Convention at Indore in 1959



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